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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM (HLAVACKOVA, HELENA AND
KRIZEK, VLADIMIR)

1. HELENA HLAVACKOVA, BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014] IN STROPKOV, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND VLADIMIR KRIZEK, BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014] AT JABLONEC, CZECHOSLOVAKIA APPEARED AT THE EMBASSY JUNE 6 TO REQUEST POLITICAL ASYLUM.

2. THE COUPLE, WHO SPEAK ENGLISH, ARRIVED IN CYPRUS ON JUNE 1 AS PART OF YOUTH TOURIST GROUP FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA (CEKA-M) STAYING IN THE PERNEA BEACH BOTEL IN PARALIMNI. THE TWO DID NOT MEET PRIOR TO REGISTERING FOR THE PACKAGE TOUR. THE REST OF THE GROUP DEPARTS JUNE 15 FOR THEIR RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

3. HLAVACKOVA IS CATHOLIC AND IS SINGLE. HER MOTHER AND FATHER, WHO ARE DIVORCED, LIVE WITH HER BROTHER AND SISTER AT U5 BATERIE 21, PRAGUE. SHE HAS NO RELATIVES IN THE U.S. SHE HAS ATTENDED A TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND IS EMPLOYED AS A MEDICAL
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ASSISTANT IN PRAGUE. SHE IS WITHOUT COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS OR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE CONTACTS. SHE GAVE LACK OF BASIC FREEDOMS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS REASON FOR REQUESTING ASYLUM. LISTED U.S. OR CANADA AS PREFERENCES FOR RELOCATION.

4. KRIZEK IS ALSO CATHOLIC AND SINGLE. HIS MOTHER,

FATHER, AND TWO BROTHERS LIVE AT UVOZ 59C, BRNO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. BRIZEK'S FATHER, VLADIMIR, BORN 1921 IN PRAGUE, IS AN ATOMIC PHYSICIST CURRENTLY WORKING AT AN ATOMIC REACTOR PLANT WITH THE SOVIETS AT TUSIMICE. THE FATHER IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. KRBZEK IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND CLAIMS NO OTHER POLITICAL AFFILIATION OR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE CONTACTS. HE GIVES AS REASON FOR SEEKING ASYLUM THE OPPRESSIVE GOVERNMENT WHICH ENSURES THAT COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS HAVE EVERYTHING; THOSE WHO ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH COMMUNIST PARTY ARE NOTHING AND HAVE NOTHING. KRIZEK STATES THAT COMMUNISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS SYNONYMOUS TO "TERROR." HE PREFERS TO BE RELOCATED TO EITHER U.S. OR CANADA.

5. AFTER REPORTING TO THE EMBASSY ON JUNE 13, THE TWO WERE PLACED IN A HOTEL BY EMBASSY OFFICER. ON JUNE 14, THE COUPLE WERE TAKEN BY EMBOFF TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOC CHIEF MIGRATION OFFICER. LOCAL UNHCR AND WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES REPS HAVE BEEN INFORMED.
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